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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—"May I ask whether the Director has expressed himself against the restriction mentioned in clause (b)?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It was after the report of the Director that the order was passed."

Co-operation

Opening of a land mortgage bank at Kurnool.

* 1412 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in reference to answer given to question No. 649 on 26th November 1928 regarding the starting of a land mortgage bank at Kurnool—

(a) whether he is prepared to place on the table of the House the report of the Assistant Registrar or Registrar in that matter; and

(b) whether the Government have examined the prospects of such a bank in any other place in the Kurnool district?

A.—(a) The report [a] of the Registrar is appended.

(b) Yes; the conditions necessary for running a land mortgage bank successfully do not exist anywhere in the Kurnool district.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know whether the Government have examined every paragraph of the reply that has been given, more especially paragraph (b) and whether they approve of the statements made therein?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"We have given due consideration to the report. That is all."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will further enquire into the matter and see whether a mortgage bank cannot be started in Kurnool district?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"The answer given explains the position. The Registrar thinks that it is not possible."

The hon. the President :—"The hon. Member will have to table a fresh question on the report."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—"May I know the conditions that are necessary for opening a land mortgage bank?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"It is explained in detail in the report."

Fisheries

Income from and expenditure on the fish ponds at Sunkesula and Prema.

* 1413 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the dates on which fish ponds were opened at Sunkesula and Prema in the Kurnool district;

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(b) the expenditure per mensem upon these and the total expenditure up to date from the commencement;

(c) the public service these two institutions have rendered; and

(d) the income that has been derived from these institutions?

A.—(a) 1912 and 1919 respectively.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Am I to understand from the answers to clauses (b), (c) & (d) that the expenditure is being incurred without the knowledge of the Government?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I can say that only after the report is received."

Tours and enquiries of the Fisheries Committee.

* 1414 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) who has been appointed President of the Fisheries Committee in place of Sir Kurma Reddi; and

(b) the programme of its future tours and enquiries with approximate dates?

A.—(a) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar Avargal.

(b) The future programme has not yet been definitely settled. The Committee may visit a few fishing centres on the East Coast.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I enquire whether this Committee contemplates a trip on the fishing trawler *Lady Goschen* to find out the fishing capacity of the trawler?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not know, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will the work of this Committee take it into outside districts?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I do not think, Sir."

General

Legislative programme of the hon. the Minister for Development.

* 1415 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state his legislative programme for the rest of the life of this Council?

A.—The Government have under consideration—

(i) A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to Co-operative Societies in the Madras Presidency, in lieu of the India Act II of 1912, and

(ii) A Bill to amend section 9 of the State Aid to Industries Act.

No other measures are contemplated at present.